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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.  
Petition for Waiver of Sections 20.12(c) and 52.31(a)(2) of the  
Commission's Rules  
CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-116; WT Docket No. 01-184  
Ex Parte Presentation - Bi-Monthly Status Report Pursuant to Petition for  
Waiver

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 22, 2002, Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless") submitted a Petition for Waiver seeking temporary extension of the requirement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers to support roaming with customers with pooled numbers, as set forth in Section 20.12(c) and 52.31(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules (CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-116; WT Docket No. 01-184). In its Petition, Pine Belt Wireless committed to providing the Commission with bi-monthly status reports during the temporary extension period. Transmitted herewith on behalf of Pine Belt Wireless is its third bi-monthly status report.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Kuykendall  
Its Attorney

Attachment

cc: Blaise Scinto, Chief, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
Patrick Forster, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
Jared Carlson, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau  
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**PINE BELT PCS, INC. AND PINE BELT CELLULAR, INC.  
BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT PURSUANT TO REQUEST FOR WAIVER  
OF REQUIREMENT FOR CMRS PROVIDERS TO SUPPORT ROAMING FOR  
CUSTOMERS WITH POOLED NUMBERS  
THIRD BI-MONTHLY STATUS REPORT**

May 22, 2003

On November 22, 2002, Pine Belt PCS, Inc. and Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. (collectively "Pine Belt Wireless") filed a Petition for Waiver seeking temporary extension, until November 23, 2003, of the requirement for Commercial Mobile Radio Service ("CMRS") providers to support roaming with customers with pooled numbers ("Petition"). The Petition is currently pending before the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

In its Petition, Pine Belt Wireless demonstrated that the company must obtain additional funds in order to make the necessary hardware and software upgrades to support roaming of customers with pooled numbers. In April 2003, Pine Belt Wireless informed the Commission that the company had received notice of approval for a Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") loan and that the approval was contingent on several factors.

Pine Belt Wireless reports that the company is preparing the various guarantees, financial information and other documents, which must be submitted to RUS as part of the requirements of loan approval process. Additionally, Pine Belt Wireless has filed an application to assign the PCS license held by Pine Belt PCS, Inc. to Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. in fulfillment of one of the conditions of the loan. The company reports that the Commission has conditionally granted the application<sup>2</sup> and that Pine Belt Wireless is taking the necessary steps to consummate the transaction. Upon consummation, an internal reorganization of the company will occur to fulfill some of the other loan requirements.

Advance of the funds for the purpose of making the necessary upgrades are also conditioned upon several financial and organizational benchmarks which are not yet satisfied. Accordingly, the company is unable, at this time, to estimate the timing of availability of funds.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Petitions for Extension of the Deadline for Support of Roaming by Wireless End-Users with Ported or Pooled Numbers: Public Notice*, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 & 95-200; WT Docket No. 01-184; DA 03-148 (rel. Jan. 16, 2003) ("Public Notice") (FCC seeking comment on Pine Belt Wireless' petition).

<sup>2</sup> See *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Grants Consent to Assign C Block Broadband PCS License: Public Notice*, DA 03-1173 (rel. Apr. 18, 2003).

In its second report, Pine Belt Wireless notified the Commission that a procedure is in place whereby the company is notified within 24 hours after a PSAP has experienced difficulty with handling a call that is associated with Pine Belt Wireless' network. This includes notification of problems associated with calling back a roamer after a call has been dropped. Pine Belt Wireless continues to report that since the initiation of the Commission's number pooling requirements, the company has not received any notifications from the four PSAPS of problems relating to calling back roamers.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Nettles", written over a horizontal line.

John Nettles, President  
Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.  
Pine Belt PCS, Inc.